Homework 3

Instructions

- This homework focuses on understanding and applying DETR for object detection and attention visualization. It consists of **three questions** designed to assess both theoretical understanding and practical application.
- Please organize your answers and results for the questions below and submit this jupyter notebook as **a .pdf file**.
- **Deadline: 11/14 (Thur) 23:59**

Reference

- End-to-End Object Detection with Transformers (DETR): https://github.com/facebookresearch/detr

Q1. Understanding DETR model

- Fill-in-the-blank exercise to test your understanding of critical parts of the DETR model workflow.

```
from torch import nn
class DETR(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, num_classes, hidden_dim=256, nheads=8,
                 num_encoder_layers=6, num_decoder_layers=6, num_queries=100):
        super().__init__()

        # create ResNet-50 backbone
        self.backbone = resnet50()
        del self.backbone.fc

        # create conversion layer
        self.conv = nn.Conv2d(2048, hidden_dim, 1)

        # create a default PyTorch transformer
        self.transformer = nn.Transformer(
            hidden_dim, nheads, num_encoder_layers, num_decoder_layers)

        # prediction heads, one extra class for predicting non-empty slots
        # note that in baseline DETR linear_bbox layer is 3-layer MLP
        self.linear_class = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, num_classes + 1)
        self.linear_bbox = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, 4)

        # output positional encodings (object queries)
        self.query_pos = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(100, hidden_dim))

        # spatial positional encodings
        # note that in baseline DETR we use sine positional encodings
        self.row_embed = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(50, hidden_dim // 2))
        self.col_embed = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(50, hidden_dim // 2))

    def forward(self, inputs):
        # propagate inputs through ResNet-50 up to avg-pool layer
        x = self.backbone.conv1(inputs)
        x = self.backbone.bn1(x)
        x = self.backbone.relu(x)
        x = self.backbone.maxpool(x)

        x = self.backbone.layer1(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer2(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer3(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer4(x)

        # convert from 2048 to 256 feature planes for the transformer
        h = self.conv(x)

        # construct positional encodings
        H, W = h.shape[-2:]
        pos = torch.cat([
            self.col_embed[:W].unsqueeze(0).repeat(H, 1, 1),
            self.row_embed[:H].unsqueeze(1).repeat(1, W, 1),
        ], dim=-1).flatten(0, 1).unsqueeze(1)

        # propagate through the transformer
        h = self.transformer(pos + 0.1 * h.flatten(2).permute(2, 0, 1),
                             self.query_pos.unsqueeze(1)).transpose(0, 1)
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        # finally project transformer outputs to class labels and bounding boxes
        pred_logits = self.linear_class(h)
        pred_boxes = self.linear_bbox(h).sigmoid()

        return {'pred_logits': pred_logits,
                'pred_boxes': pred_boxes}
```

Q2. Custom Image Detection and Attention Visualization

In this task, you will upload an **image of your choice** (different from the provided sample) and follow the steps below:

- Object Detection using DETR
  - Use the DETR model to detect objects in your uploaded image.
- Attention Visualization in Encoder
  - Visualize the regions of the image where the encoder focuses the most.
- Decoder Query Attention in Decoder
  - Visualize how the decoder's query attends to specific areas corresponding to the detected objects.

```
import math

from PIL import Image
import requests
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'retina'

import ipywidgets as widgets
from IPython.display import display, clear_output

import torch
from torch import nn


from torchvision.models import resnet50
import torchvision.transforms as T
torch.set_grad_enabled(False);

# COCO classes
CLASSES = [
    'N/A', 'person', 'bicycle', 'car', 'motorcycle', 'airplane', 'bus',
    'train', 'truck', 'boat', 'traffic light', 'fire hydrant', 'N/A',
    'stop sign', 'parking meter', 'bench', 'bird', 'cat', 'dog', 'horse',
    'sheep', 'cow', 'elephant', 'bear', 'zebra', 'giraffe', 'N/A', 'backpack',
    'umbrella', 'N/A', 'N/A', 'handbag', 'tie', 'suitcase', 'frisbee', 'skis',
    'snowboard', 'sports ball', 'kite', 'baseball bat', 'baseball glove',
    'skateboard', 'surfboard', 'tennis racket', 'bottle', 'N/A', 'wine glass',
    'cup', 'fork', 'knife', 'spoon', 'bowl', 'banana', 'apple', 'sandwich',
    'orange', 'broccoli', 'carrot', 'hot dog', 'pizza', 'donut', 'cake',
    'chair', 'couch', 'potted plant', 'bed', 'N/A', 'dining table', 'N/A',
    'N/A', 'toilet', 'N/A', 'tv', 'laptop', 'mouse', 'remote', 'keyboard',
    'cell phone', 'microwave', 'oven', 'toaster', 'sink', 'refrigerator', 'N/A',
    'book', 'clock', 'vase', 'scissors', 'teddy bear', 'hair drier',
    'toothbrush'
]

# colors for visualization
COLORS = [[0.000, 0.447, 0.741], [0.850, 0.325, 0.098], [0.929, 0.694, 0.125],
          [0.494, 0.184, 0.556], [0.466, 0.674, 0.188], [0.301, 0.745, 0.933]]
# standard PyTorch mean-std input image normalization
transform = T.Compose([
    T.Resize(800),
    T.ToTensor(),
    T.Normalize([0.485, 0.456, 0.406], [0.229, 0.224, 0.225])
])

# for output bounding box post-processing
def box_cxcywh_to_xyxy(x):
    x_c, y_c, w, h = x.unbind(1)
    b = [(x_c - 0.5 * w), (y_c - 0.5 * h),
         (x_c + 0.5 * w), (y_c + 0.5 * h)]
    return torch.stack(b, dim=1)
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def rescale_bboxes(out_bbox, size):
    img_w, img_h = size
    b = box_cxcywh_to_xyxy(out_bbox)
    b = b * torch.tensor([img_w, img_h, img_w, img_h], dtype=torch.float32)
    return b

def plot_results(pil_img, prob, boxes):
    plt.figure(figsize=(16,10))
    plt.imshow(pil_img)
    ax = plt.gca()
    colors = COLORS * 100
    for p, (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax), c in zip(prob, boxes.tolist(), colors):
        ax.add_patch(plt.Rectangle((xmin, ymin), xmax - xmin, ymax - ymin,
                                   fill=False, color=c, linewidth=3))
        cl = p.argmax()
        text = f'{CLASSES[cl]}: {p[cl]:0.2f}'
        ax.text(xmin, ymin, text, fontsize=15,
                bbox=dict(facecolor='yellow', alpha=0.5))
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()
```

In this section, we show-case how to load a model from hub, run it on a custom image, and print the result. Here we load the simplest model (DETR-R50) for fast inference. You can swap it with any other model from the model zoo.

```
model = torch.hub.load('facebookresearch/detr', 'detr_resnet50', pretrained=True)
model.eval();

# url = 'http://images.cocodataset.org/val2017/000000039769.jpg'
my_url = 'https://cv.gluon.ai/_images/sphx_glr_detection_custom_001.png'
im = Image.open(requests.get(my_url, stream=True).raw).convert("RGB") # put your own image

# mean-std normalize the input image (batch-size: 1)
img = transform(im).unsqueeze(0)

# propagate through the model
outputs = model(img)

# keep only predictions with 0.7+ confidence
probas = outputs['pred_logits'].softmax(-1)[0, :, :-1]
keep = probas.max(-1).values > 0.9

# convert boxes from [0; 1] to image scales
bboxes_scaled = rescale_bboxes(outputs['pred_boxes'][0, keep], im.size)

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plot_results(im, probas[keep], bboxes_scaled)
```

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Using cache found in /root/.cache/torch/hub/facebookresearch_detr_main
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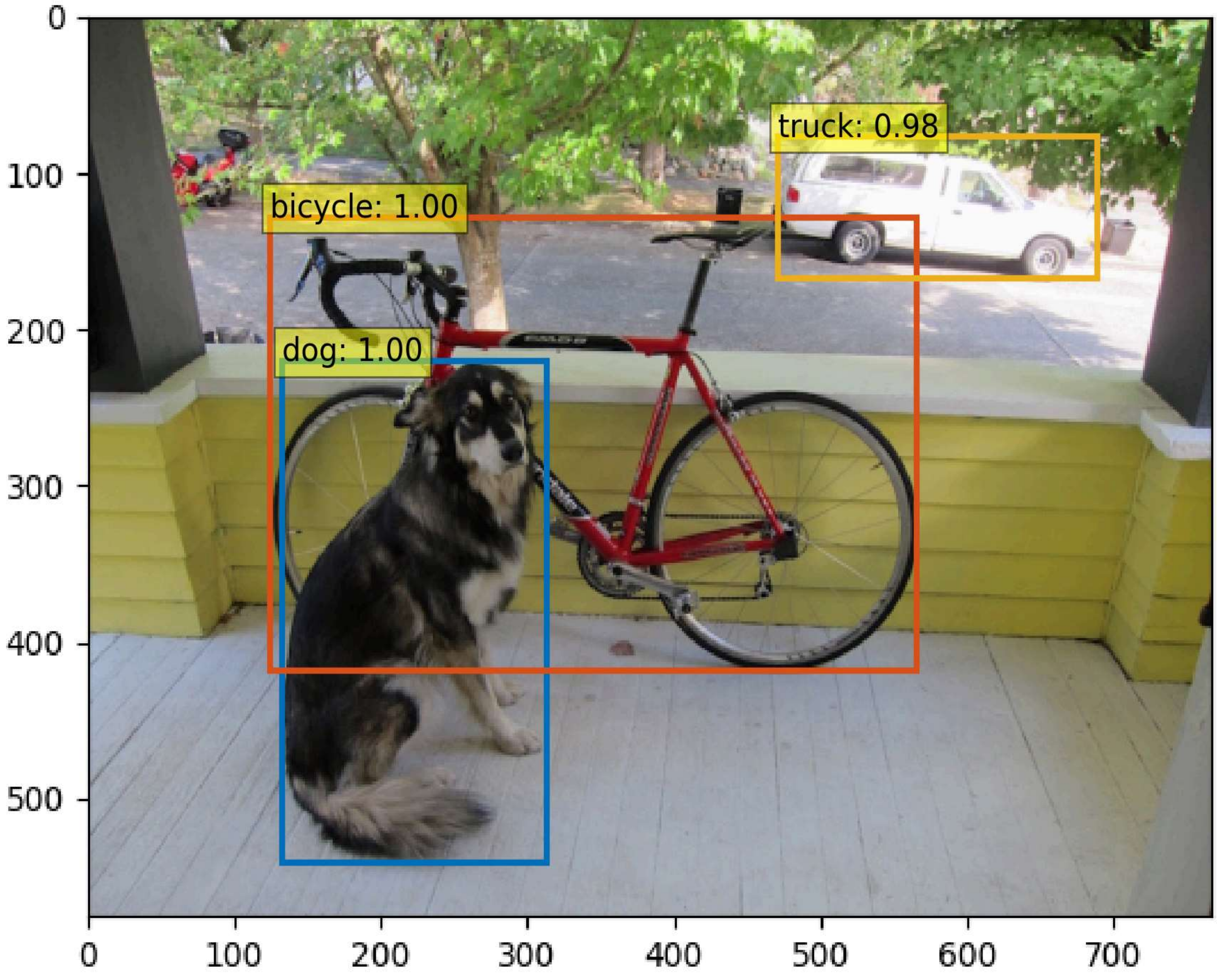

Here we visualize attention weights of the last decoder layer. This corresponds to visualizing, for each detected objects, which part of the image the model was looking at to predict this specific bounding box and class.

```
# use lists to store the outputs via up-values
conv_features, enc_attn_weights, dec_attn_weights = [], [], []

hooks = [
    model.backbone[-2].register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: conv_features.append(output)
    ),
    model.transformer.encoder.layers[-1].self_attn.register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: enc_attn_weights.append(output[1])
    ),
    model.transformer.decoder.layers[-1].multihead_attn.register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: dec_attn_weights.append(output[1])
    ),
]

# propagate through the model
outputs = model(img) # put your own image

for hook in hooks:
    hook.remove()

# don't need the list anymore
conv_features = conv_features[0]
enc_attn_weights = enc_attn_weights[0]
dec_attn_weights = dec_attn_weights[0]


# get the feature map shape
h, w = conv_features['0'].tensors.shape[-2:]

fig, axs = plt.subplots(ncols=len(bboxes_scaled), nrows=2, figsize=(22, 7))
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colors = COLORS * 100
for idx, ax_i, (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax) in zip(keep.nonzero(), axs.T, bboxes_scaled):
    ax = ax_i[0]
    ax.imshow(dec_attn_weights[0, idx].view(h, w))
    ax.axis('off')
    ax.set_title(f'query id: {idx.item()}')
    ax = ax_i[1]
    ax.imshow(im)
    ax.add_patch(plt.Rectangle((xmin, ymin), xmax - xmin, ymax - ymin,
                               fill=False, color='blue', linewidth=3))
    ax.axis('off')
    ax.set_title(CLASSES[probas[idx].argmax()])
fig.tight_layout()
```

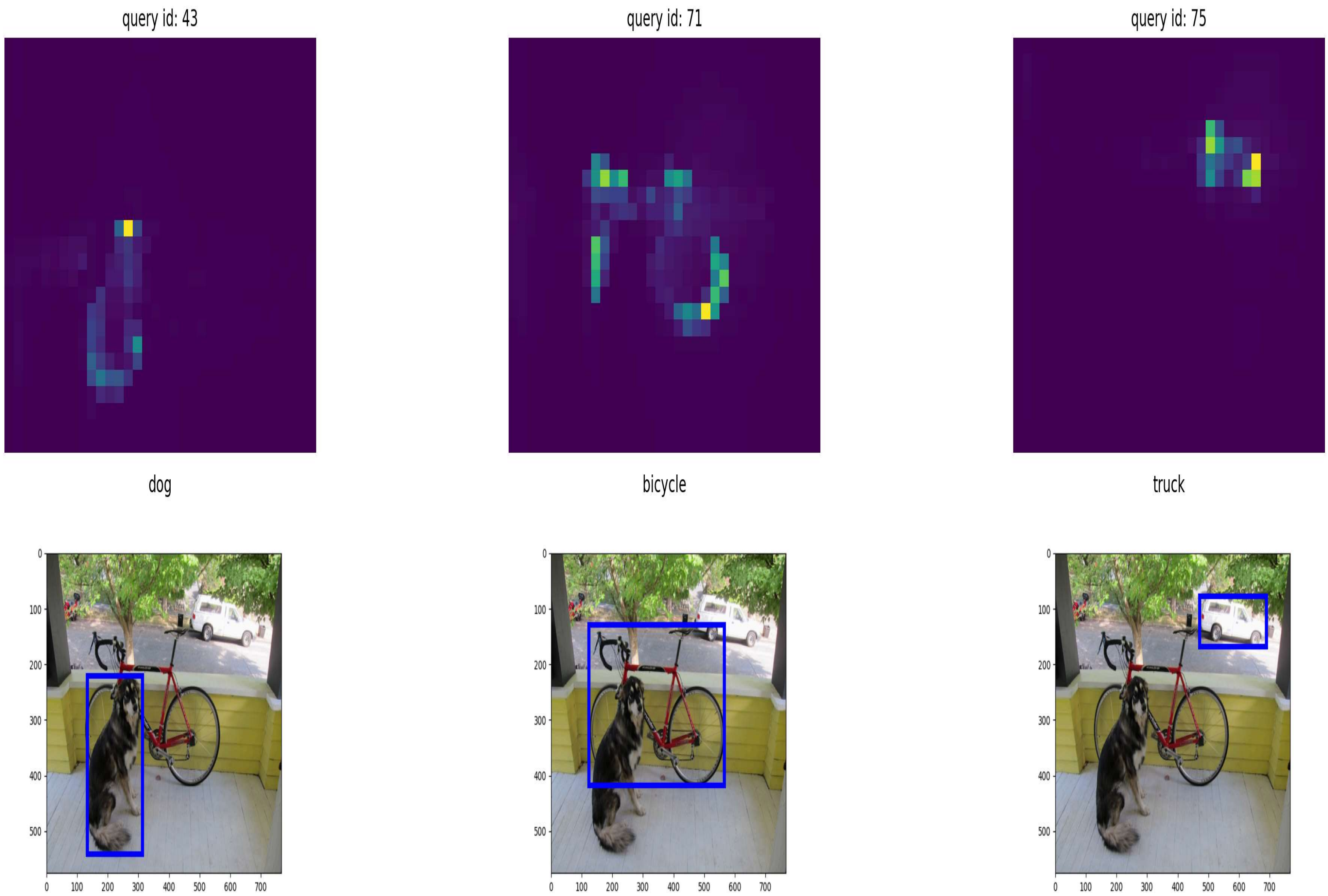


```
# output of the CNN
f_map = conv_features['0']
print("Encoder attention:      ", enc_attn_weights[0].shape)
print("Feature map:            ", f_map.tensors.shape)
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Encoder attention:      torch.Size([850, 850])
Feature map:            torch.Size([1, 2048, 25, 34])
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# get the HxW shape of the feature maps of the CNN
shape = f_map.tensors.shape[-2:]
# and reshape the self-attention to a more interpretable shape
sattn = enc_attn_weights[0].reshape(shape + shape)
print("Reshaped self-attention:", sattn.shape)
```

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Reshaped self-attention: torch.Size([25, 34, 25, 34])
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```
# downsampling factor for the CNN, is 32 for DETR and 16 for DETR DC5
fact = 32

# let's select 4 reference points for visualization
idxs = [(200, 200), (280, 400), (200, 600), (440, 800),]

# here we create the canvas
fig = plt.figure(constrained_layout=True, figsize=(25 * 0.7, 8.5 * 0.7))
# and we add one plot per reference point
gs = fig.add_gridspec(2, 4)
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axs = [
    fig.add_subplot(gs[0, 0]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[1, 0]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[0, -1]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[1, -1]),
]

# for each one of the reference points, let's plot the self-attention
# for that point
for idx_o, ax in zip(idxs, axs):
    idx = (idx_o[0] // fact, idx_o[1] // fact)
    ax.imshow(sattn[..., idx[0], idx[1]], cmap='cividis', interpolation='nearest')
    ax.axis('off')
    ax.set_title(f'self-attention{idx_o}')

# and now let's add the central image, with the reference points as red circles
fcenter_ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[:, 1:-1])
fcenter_ax.imshow(im)
for (y, x) in idxs:
    scale = im.height / img.shape[-2]
    x = ((x // fact) + 0.5) * fact
    y = ((y // fact) + 0.5) * fact
    fcenter_ax.add_patch(plt.Circle((x * scale, y * scale), fact // 2, color='r'))
    fcenter_ax.axis('off')
```

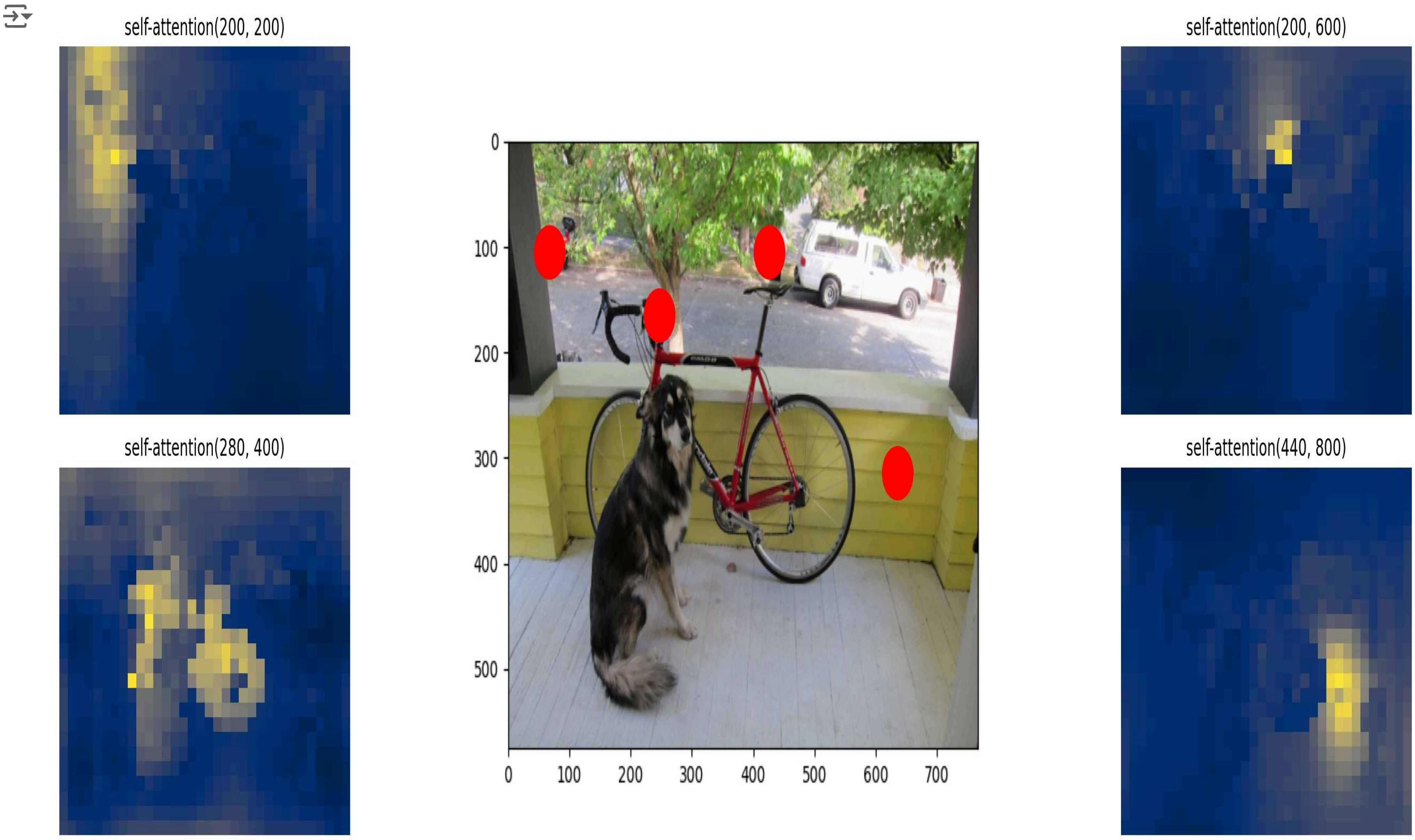

Q3. Understanding Attention Mechanisms

In this task, you focus on understanding the attention mechanisms present in the encoder and decoder of DETR.

- Briefly describe the types of attention used in the encoder and decoder, and explain the key differences between them.
- Based on the visualized results from Q2, provide an analysis of the distinct characteristics of each attention mechanism in the encoder and decoder. Feel free to express your insights.

Encoder and Decoder's attention type

1. Encoder: Self-Attention

The encoder in DETR relies on self-attention mechanisms. Here, each pixel in the input image features attends to every other pixel, allowing the model to capture global dependencies across the entire image. Self-attention enables the encoder to encode contextual relationships among all image features, producing a rich representation that comprehensively captures image context.

2. Decoder: Cross-Attention and Self-Attention

The decoder in DETR incorporates cross-attention and self-attention mechanisms. In cross-attention, the decoder takes learned object queries and attends to the encoder's output (image features) to locate objects of interest. This step is crucial for the model to relate object queries with the image features, thereby linking queries to potential objects in the scene. In self-attention within the decoder, object queries interact with each other, refining the detected objects' representation by sharing information across queries. This helps the decoder to better handle relationships between objects, such as spatial arrangement and scale.

Key Differences Between Encoder and Decoder Attention

1. **Purpose:** The encoder's self-attention is designed to model the contextual relationships within the image itself, while the decoder's cross-attention aligns object queries with the relevant parts of the image.
2. **Focus:** The encoder's attention is spread across the entire feature map to encode the global structure, whereas the decoder's cross-attention focuses on specific areas to find relevant objects. Decoder self-attention, on the other hand, allows for communication among object queries, strengthening object interactions.
3. **Role in Detection:** The encoder prepares a comprehensive, context-rich image representation. In contrast, the decoder utilizes this representation to locate, refine, and classify objects based on object queries, making it more directly linked to the detection output.

Insight based on the Q2 results

Encoder Visualization Results

In the encoder attention map, the attention appears evenly distributed across broad regions of the image. This suggests that the model is gaining an understanding of the entire image, considering relationships between objects within it.

Decoder Visualization Results

In the decoder attention map, we observe stronger attention focused on specific areas associated with particular objects. The attention map differs for each object's position, with certain regions of the image activated more intensely, indicating a focused detection of objects in specific areas.